

Saquoit Silk Mill  
(Rossmäler Mill)  
On Sand Island, south bank of Lehigh Canal,  
west of Hill-to-Hill Bridge  
Bethlehem  
Lehigh County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: On Sand Island, west of Hill-to-Hill Bridge, on south bank of Lehigh Canal, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Description: Four story brick silk mill with prominent triangular pilasters, capped with half-pyramidal stone blocks between each bay of windows and at the corners. Five story stair tower/elevator at east end, boiler, engine house, and stack on north side and a cluster of later brick and concrete block additions at the west end.

History: Built by capitalists from Saquoit (near Utica), New York in 1886, by 1918 it contained 310 plain looms and 10,000 spindles to produce WWI mattress covers. They now use Saquoit Mill for slip cover production and storage.

Source: D. S. Mercein, The Silk Guide, (New York, 1918), p. 212.

Historian: Duncan Hay, HAER Inventory card, 8/1/79.